**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:** 

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] A cam is mounted to a shaft extending through an aperture in one or both of the

plates for controlling movement of the pawls between locked and unlocked conditions. In some

conventional recliner assemblies, generally parallel guide surfaces are used to guide the pawls

between the locked and unlocked conditions. However, in recliner assemblies having parallel

guide surfaces, it is common for the pawls to bind against the guide surfaces during movement

between the locked and unlocked conditions. It is also possible for the teeth of the pawls to not

fully engage the teeth of the mobile flange.

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